# Cochran, Patricia (DCOZ)

From: Mohammad Hassan <a href="hassan9291@gmail.com">hassan9291@gmail.com</a>>

**Sent:** Monday, May 23, 2022 6:18 PM

To: support@dcra.mail.kustomerapp.com; DCRACS (DCRA); Chrappah, Ernest (DCRA); LeGrant, Matt

(DCRA); DCOZ - BZA Submissions (DCOZ); Cochran, Patricia (DCOZ); ATD DCOZ; Planning; Reid,

Robert (DCOZ)

**Cc:** Delaine Englebert

Subject: Re: FW: 5912 9th Street | Illegal Construction | HOA Approval Required

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Hi Mr. Reid,

Thank you for your and the teams time. This email is meant for the following individuals:

- Director Ernest Chrappah
- LeGrant, Matt (DCRA) <matthew.legrant@dc.gov>;
- Cooper, Quiton (DCRA) <quiton.cooper@dc.gov>;
- Johnson, Katrina (DCRA) <katrina.johnson@dc.gov>;
- Reiss, Jeff J. (DCRA) < jeffj.reiss@dc.gov>;
- Beeton, Kathleen A. (DCRA) <kathleen.beeton@dc.gov>;
- Bolden, Tarek (DCRA) <tarek.bolden@dc.gov>
- Reid, Robert < Robert.reid@dc.goc>;
- Patricia.Cochran@dc.gov;
- Frederick L. Hill Chairperson Appointee
- Lorna John District Resident Appointee
- Carl H. Blake District Resident Appointee
- bzasubmissions@dc.gov;
- dcoz@dc.gov;
- planning@dc.gov;
- 4B@anc.dc.gov;

Please ensure they all receive it, specifically bringing to the attention of DCRA Direct Ernest Chrappah and BZA Chairperson Appointee Frederick Hill. If there are others that should be notified that are not on this list, please forward to them as well

I was able to find and review the BZA application here: https://app.dcoz.dc.gov/CaseReport/CaseReportPage.aspx?case\_id=20760

Please review exhibit 14. The Burden of Proof document states:

This Statement is submitted on behalf of SC Holdings, Peabody LLC, the owner of the property located at 5912 9th St NW (Square 2986, Lot 25) (the "Subject Property"). The Subject Property is located in the RA-1 Zone district and is currently a two-story, four-unit multifamily building. The Applicant is proposing to construct a new third story to hold a fifth residential unit. Subtitle U, § 421 states "all new residential developments, except those comprising all one-family detached and semi-detached dwellings, shall be reviewed by the Board of Zoning Adjustment as special exceptions under Subtitle X, in accordance with the standards and requirements in this section." Accordingly, the Applicant is requesting special exception approval pursuant to Subtitle U – § 421.1.

Before delving into the questions, I'd make to make the position and needs of the HOA clear and provide current facts.

The HOA would like to protect the current owners interests and work alongside the BZA, DCRA and Unit 5 owner (SC Holdings, Peabody LLC and Mr. Snider and Mr. Mike Kuehn) to bring this above board, pay off dues, fix some of the issues with the structure. I believe a win-win-win can be struck.

## A couple facts:

- 5912 9th Street HOA and it's four legal units are the majority owners of the building;
- SC Holdings, Peabody LLC (and owners Mr. Snider and Mr. Kuehn) do not have a right to file on the HOAs behalf;
- SC Holdings, Peabody LLC, alongside authorized agent, Adam Carballo, falsely filed permit and Zoning requests since they are non-HOA entities

#### Questions for the DCRA General Counsel and for BZA:

- 1. How can SC Holding, Peabody LLC submit a zoning request when all four legal units have owners and a HOA is formed without our approval? Mr. Tarek Bolden from DCRA echoed the sentiment that it is illegal for SC Holding, Peabody LLC to submit a zoning request on the HOAs behalf. So it begs the question, how did this go through and why hasn't it simply been cancelled? Prima facia, it seems to be illegal to file a permit without being the majority owner of the structure. I understand the DCRA in the past has cancelled such permit requests when they were made on behalf of someone else and without their permission. Why not on this occurrence?
- 2. What is the recourse on the builder and Unit 5 owner who hasn't paid any HOA dues for multiple years and/or hasn't remediated the structural issues with the building that were shown via inspections? I'm can share the reports if need be.
- 3. Mr. Reid had suggested that the HOA can get a temporary CofO moved from the original originator, the developer to the HOA. This was further discussed in the call with Mr. LeGrant and others on May 18<sup>th</sup> 202 and it was noted that the barrier to doing so is low with a DHCD email. While, it may be a low friction effort, does doing so present any risk or culpability for the HOA or unit owners given that we did not illegally build a third floor and are simply victims of a nefarious builder and Unit 5 owner?
- 4. Considering Unit 5 owner is the same financier of the original project, what is the reason there have been no fines levied on SC Holdings, Peabody LLC and specifically, Mr. Steven S. Snider and his associate Mr. Mike Kuehn. Please find attached an email where Mr. Snider let me know "If you interfere with our efforts to obtain the CofO by communicating with DCRA, it may harm our ability to obtain the CofO and inure to the detriment of the Association and us."

I consider the HOAs efforts an attempt to use the final bit of leverage we have as owners to get the owner/builder of Unit 5 to do the right thing by fixing issues with the structure and paying long HOA standing dues. I'm certain the BZA and DCRA will agree that the Unit Owners and HOA are indeed legally and ethically deserving of this.

I implore the BZA and DCRA to take actions to support the HOA in remedying the situation.

Best,

-Mohammad

5912 9th Street Unit Owner and Board Member

**From:** dcra support <support@dcra.mail.kustomerapp.com>

**Date:** Thursday, May 19, 2022 at 2:47 PM

To: hassan9291@gmail.com <hassan9291@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: FW: 5912 9th Street | Illegal Construction | HOA Approval Required

Hi Mr. Hassan,

Thanks for meeting with us yesterday. I am following up to provide the information that Kathleen Beeton entered into the meeting chat for you. She stated the following:

You might also want to confer with the DC Bar for some legal assistance. They offer pro bono services, and if you haven't explored that possibility, I would encourage you to do so: https://www.dcbar.org/pro-bono

We trust that we were able to answer some of your questions. We know that you have some additional ones and we look forward to receiving them. As mentioned, it is most likely that they may require consultation with DCRA's General Counsel. Thanks again!

Regards,

**Rohan Reid |** *Program Analyst, Office of the Zoning Administrator* Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs Government of the District of Columbia

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On Wed, May 18, 2022 at 11:51 AM <support@dcra.mail.kustomerapp.com> wrote:

Good morning Mr. Hassan,

Thanks for confirming receipt of the meeting invitation. We look forward to the meeting at 1:30pm.

Regards,

On Tue, May 17, 2022 at 9:28 PM < hassan9291@gmail.com > wrote:

Got it. Thanks

Best.

-Mohammad

On Tue, May 17, 2022 at 8:33 PM <support@dcra.mail.kustomerapp.com> wrote:

Hi Mr. Hassan,

A meeting invitation has been sent to you for tomorrow, 5/18/22. The meeting time is 1:30pm - 2:30pm via MS Teams. Please confirm that you have received the invitation. Thank you!

Regards,

On Tue, May 17, 2022 at 5:40 PM < hassan9291@gmail.com > wrote:

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Mr. Robert Reid,

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On Tue, May 17, 2022 at 1:27 PM < <a href="mailto:support@dcra.mail.kustomerapp.com">support@dcra.mail.kustomerapp.com</a> wrote:

Good morning Mr. Hassan,

Please reach out to Mr. Robert Reid at the Office of Zoning to get assistance with concerns about the recently filed BZA application. His contact information is as follows:

#### Robert I. Reid

Zoning Specialist
Office of Zoning | District of Columbia Government
441 4th Street, NW | Suite 200-S | Washington, DC 20001
(202) 727-5471 (office) | www.dcoz.dc.gov | robert.reid@dc.gov

Additionally, the general telephone number for the Office of Zoning is (202) 727-6311.

I have asked the meeting participants to confirm if tomorrow, 5/18, will work for their schedules. I will follow up to let you know it if does and next steps.

Regards,

On Mon, May 16, 2022 at 9:05 PM < hassan9291@gmail.com > wrote:

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Tarek, Rohan,

Can you share an email address or contact of someone at the DC Office of Zoning that can help?

Also, let me know about scheduling a meeting amongst us to answer questions in this thread.

Best,

-Mohammad

On Fri, May 13, 2022 at 2:18 PM <dcracs@dc.gov> wrote:

Good morning Mr. Hassan,

You will need to contact the D.C. Office of Zoning to request BZA filing information. I am with DCRA in OZA with Mr. Rohan Reid, I do not have access to the documents you are referring to.

You can contact the Office of Zoning at https://dcoz.dc.gov/

On Fri, May 13, 2022 at 9:59 AM <dcracs@dc.gov> wrote:

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From: Mohammad Hassan <a href="hassan9291@gmail.com">hassan9291@gmail.com</a>

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Best,

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From: DCRA Customer Service dcracs@dc.gov

Date: Friday, May 6, 2022 at 7:11 PM

To: hassan9291@gmail.com hassan9291@gmail.com

Subject: Re: FW: 5912 9th Street | Illegal Construction | HOA Approval Required

Hi Mr. Hassan,

I am making on correction. I will be back in office on 5/16. Please let me know your availability after that date. Thank you!

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scheduled upon my return.

In my absence, if you have any zoning related questions, please email dcracs@dc.gov and put it to the attention of Tarek Bolden. He is my zoning enforcement colleague and can assist until I return. Have a great weekend and upcoming week.

Regards,

On Fri, May 6, 2022 at 7:42 PM <dcracs@dc.gov<u>mailto:dcracs@dc.gov</u>> wrote: Automatic Notification of New Conversation

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Date: Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 1:26 PM

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On Thu, Feb 10, 2022 at 6:23 PM <a href="mailto:hassan9291@gmail.com">hassan9291@gmail.com</a> wrote:

Hi Rohan,

Yes, March 18th. The next few weeks I'm out of town.

Best,

-Mohammad

On Thu, Feb 10, 2022 at 5:31 PM <support@dcra.mail.kustomerapp.commailto:support@dcra.mail.kustomerapp.com> wrote: Hi Mr. Hassan,

Thank you for getting back to me and letting me know that this Friday doesn't work for you. Before confirming a time with the other DCRA staff, did you mean to propose 3/18/22, or were you thinking of next Friday 2/18/22? I know you said you will be traveling for the next few weeks, and perhaps 3/18/22 is correct, but I want to be certain of the date.

Regards,

On Thu, Feb 10, 2022 at 12:07 PM <a href="mailto:hassan9291@gmail.com">hassan9291@gmail.com</a> wrote: Thanks for your response, Rohan.

Unfortunately that time does not work.

Can we meet on 3/18/22 at a time of your choosing? The next few weeks require me to travel.

Best,

-Mohammad

On Wed, Feb 9, 2022 at 9:16 PM <support@dcra.mail.kustomerapp.com> wrote: Good afternoon Mr. Hassan,

I am in receipt of you email and do apologize for the delay in getting back to you. I was able to speak with the Zoning Administrator and Illegal Construction Manager and they are available to meet with you this Friday, 2/11/22, at 1:30 pm via MS Teams.

The questions and concerns you raise can be discussed further during the meeting, as well as next steps in the compliance process. If there are additional concerns and questions in the interim, add them to your previous list of questions and we will address them during Friday's meeting.

Please be on the lookout for the meeting invitation. Thank you!

Regards,

On Tue, Feb 8, 2022 at 1:28 PM <a href="mailto:hassan9291@gmail.com">hassan9291@gmail.com</a> wrote: Dear Rohan,

Following up after our conversation on January 7th 2022. Questions below:

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Please note that Mr. Thomas and Mr. Underwood are no longer with DCRA; however, I will forward the information to the staff persons who are now serving in their previous roles. Also, Director Chrappah and Mr. LeGrant will not appear on the recipient list of this email, instead they will be made aware of this communication to you via our new streamlined process and customer service platform (Kustomer) fo

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